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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE EEC INQUIRY ABOUT US-ILO POLICY

REF: GENEVA 7872

- 1. USG DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PLAN TO INITIATE EITHER MULTI-LATERAL OR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER ILO MEMBER STATES ON QUESTION OF US SENDING ILO A LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW. WHILE DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY RECEIVED VISITS FROM REPS OTHER GOVERNMENTS CONVEYING VIEWS SUCH NOTIFICATION IT WOULD BE INADVISABLE FOR GENEVA GROUP TO SCHEDULE DISCUSSION OF ISSUANCE OF LETTER OF INTENT. USG CONSIDERS DISCUSSION OF WHETHER OR NOT US SHOULD SUBMIT LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW DIVERTS ATTENTPON FROM PROBLEMS IN THE ILO WHICH SERIOUSLY CONCERN THE US.
- 2. AFTER LETTER OF INTENT HAS BEEN SENT TO THE ILO/DG. USG, CONFIDENTIAL $\,$

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IN ADDITION TO RESPONDING TO INITIATIVES OF OTHERS FOR DIS-

CUSSION OF REASONS AND IMPLICATIONS THIS ACTION, PLANS TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH SELECTED GOVERNMENTS. DEPARTMENT WILL CABLE GENEVA AND OTHER POSTS INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUCH TALKS, AND FOR RESPONSES TO APPROACHES BY OTHER GOVERNMENTS, WHEN PRECISE TIMING OF ISSUANCE OF LETTER OF INTENT IS DECIDED.

- 3. POSSIBILITY OF CALLING MEETING OF REPS OF GOVERNMENTS MAKING UP GENEVA GROUP, AND REPS GENEVA GROUP COUNTRIES ATTENDING GB SESSION, SHOULD BE DECIDED WITH USG REP ON GB. IN ANY CASE, MISSION SHOULD NOT INITIATE HOLDING SUCH A MEETING PRIOR TO RECEIPT BY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF LETTER OF INTENT.
- 4. PERSONS NOT ABLE LEAVE WASHINGTON BEFORE SATURDAY NOV 1 AND PLANS ARRIVE GENEVA SWISS AIR NO. 682 (FROM ZURICH) AT 11:50 A.M. ON SUNDAY, NOV 2. PERSONS AND QUACKENBUSH (IF LATTER IS AVAILABLE) WILL BE GLAD TO MEET WITH AGO ON SUNDAY NOV 2 AT HIS CONVENIENCE. MISSION REQUESTED MAKE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS.
- 5. FYI: DEPARTMENT CALLS ATTENTION TO DISTINCTION

BETWEEN LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW AND ACTUAL WITHDRAWAL WHICH COULD NOT OCCUR FOR TWO YEARS (ARTICLE 1, PARA 5 ILO CONSTITUTION). US IS OBLIGATED TO PAY ITS DUES FOR TWO YEARS FOLLOWING RECEIPT BY ILO/DG OF NOTICE OF INTENT, INTENDS PARTICIPATE FULLY DURING THOSE TWO YEARS, AND TO WORK CONSTRUCTIVELY WPTHIN THE ILO TO HELP IMPROVE THE SITUATION. END FYI INGERSOLL UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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